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TRIBAL POLLUTION
PREVENTION ACTION
Tribal Energy & Climate Collaborative eXchange (TECC-X)
August 26, 2025
BEGIN MEETING RECORDING

Today's Agenda

Meeting Purpose:

To learn, share, and discuss important climate- and energy-related opportunities and issues affecting California Tribes

- Welcome and Overview
- Opportunity Roundtable
- Breakout!
  - #1: Accelerating Tribal Fleet Electrification: Practical Strategies and Funding Pathways
  - #2: Tribal Climate Adaptation through Environmental Protection Part 2: Air and Water
- Report Out, Next Steps, Closing

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TECC: Tribal Energy & Climate Collaborative

Capacity Building & Technical Assistance (TA)
Energy and climate TA, grant writing, training, capacity building (Strategic Growth Council Regional Climate Collaborative)

Economic and Workforce Development
Planning, due diligence, and support to accelerate Tribally-led innovative clean energy and climate technologies and ventures

Policy & Regulatory Advocacy
Education, training, and engagement in climate and energy policies, programs, and regulatory proceedings

Identify and advance climate, energy, and related economic and workforce development goals of SCTCA Tribes

TRIBAL POLLUTION PREVENTION ACTION

- Administered by Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians
  - In partnership with Pala and San Pasqual Tribes
- Implemented by Prosper Sustainably
- Funded by EPA Pollution Prevention Grants
- Includes 2025 Webinar Training Series

PALA BAND OF MISSION INDIANS

EPA United States Environmental Protection Agency

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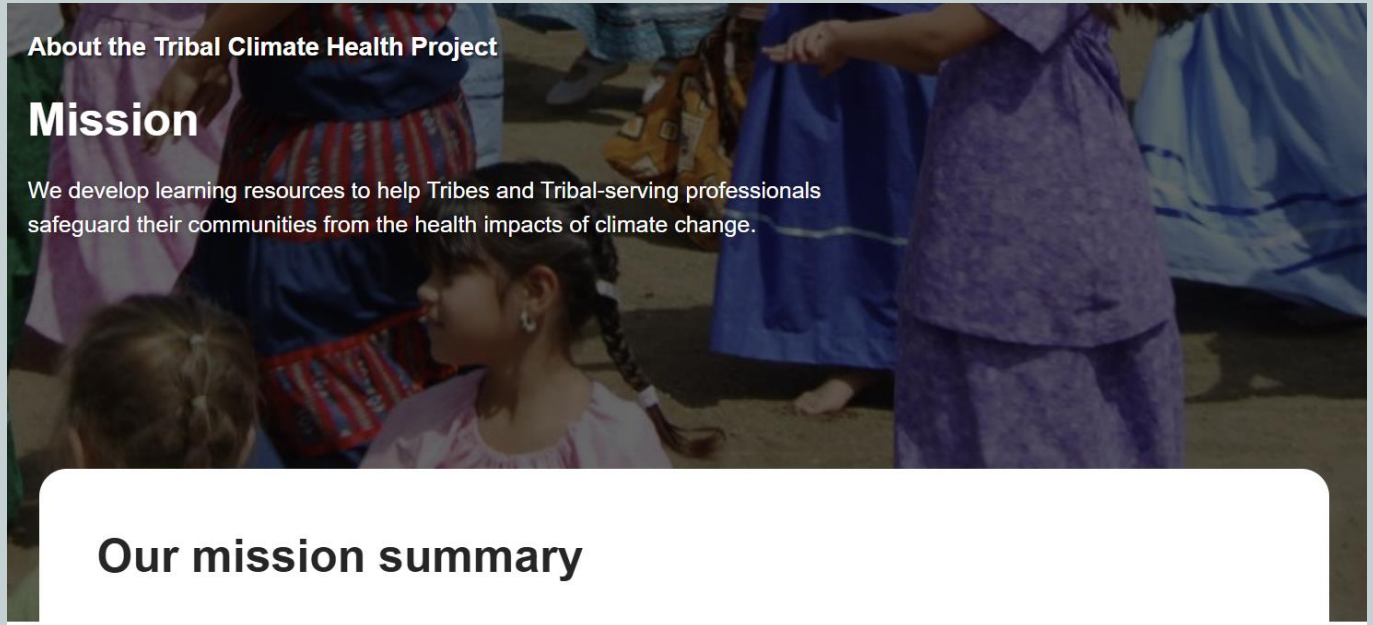
TRIBAL CLIMATE HEALTH PROJECT

https://tribalclimatehealth.org



Our mission summary

9 years
Providing capacity-building support to US Tribes

94
Trainings and presentations

9,685+
Views of recorded trainings

About

In 2016, the Pala Band of Mission Indians was awarded a grant from the U.S. EPA under a solicitation called “Building the Capacity of Tribes to Address the Health Impacts of Climate Change.” The grant funded the development and distribution of online trainings, a resource clearinghouse, and other capacity-building tools that help tribal health and environmental professionals across the nation prepare their communities for the public health impacts of climate change. Pala has since been awarded funding from the US Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Tribal Resilience Program and the National Indian Health Board, among others, to expand upon this work..

Pala selected Prosper Sustainably, a consulting firm with extensive Tribal and climate governance experience, to help develop and implement the Tribal Climate Health Project (TCHP). This includes development of curriculum, a resource clearinghouse, and tools and templates that can assist Tribes in assessing their climate and health vulnerabilities and implementing adaptation strategies. Resources offered by the TCHP include this website, online and in-person trainings, and national outreach efforts. The program has provided training to numerous tribal serving professionals. Trainees are invited to participate in continuous engagement through our ongoing learning community.

For additional information about this project, please contact Shasta Gaughen (Pala Environmental Director) or Angie Hacker (Prosper Sustainably).

Opportunity Roundtable

This is an opportunity to share timely funding and other assistance opportunities

Please add any grants, incentives, events or other capacity building opportunities for California Native American Tribes in the chat.

Featured Funding Opportunities

Self-Generation Incentive Program (SGIP) Energy Storage Incentives for Low-Income Homes – Available While Funding Lasts

California Public Utilities Commission

- Incentives for installing energy storage and paired solar tech
- $1,100/kilowatt-hour for storage
- $3,100/kilowatt for solar
- Utilities: LADWP, PG&E, SDG&E, SCE, and SoCalGas

Fast Charge California Project 1 – Open Now for First-Come, First-Served

Center for Sustainable Energy

- Incentives to install high-power DC fast chargers at publicly accessible sites
- Up to 100% of project costs covered
- Max $100,000 per charging port

Featured Funding Opportunities

Tribal Energy Plan Grants – Open until Funding Fully Subscribed

Tribal Energy Alternatives, a GRID Affiliate

- Grants up to $50,000
- Tribal governments and Tribal-led nonprofit organizations eligible
- Tribal energy plan projects

Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program Grants – Opens September 8 for First-Come, First-Served

U.S. Department of Transportation Build America Bureau

- $20 million Tribal set-aside
- To help advance infrastructure projects in rural and Tribal communities
- Awards $250,000 to $2.5 million
- Can fund financial services, technical services, and legal services for eligible infrastructure projects

Featured Funding Opportunities

Beverage Container Redemption Innovation Grants – Extended to September 16

CalRecycle

- $15 million total funding for Qualifying Tribal Entities including Tribal governments
- Award up to $3 million
- Funds container recycling centers, mobile recycling, reverse vending machines, or bag drop programs
- Can re-establish a recycling center destroyed or damaged by a wildfire in the last 10 years

Energy Infrastructure Incentives for Zero-Emission Commercial Vehicles (EnergIIZE) Transit Set-Aside Funding – Open until October 2

California Energy Commission and CALSTART

- Up to $5 million per project
- Charger port/hydrogen dispenser incentives
- CA Tribes, CA Tribal Organizations, and NGOs Serving Tribal entities eligible

Featured Funding Opportunities

Native American Affairs: Emergency Drought Relief for Tribes – October 14

U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation

- Federally recognized Native American Tribal governments in the 17 western states
- Awards $50,000 to $2 million
- Funding to develop, manage, and protect water and related resources to mitigate the adverse impacts of drought

2026 Department of Pesticide Regulation Sustainable Pest Management Grants – October 14

California Department of Pesticide Regulation

- Tribal agencies and nonprofit organizations among those eligible
- Awards $50,000 to $1 million
- Funds projects that advance sustainable pest management (SPM) practices
- Focus on reducing impacts to public health or the environment from pesticides of high regulatory interest

Featured Funding Opportunities

Advanced Grid Technology Acceleration Projects – Extended to October 17

California Energy Commission

- Funds technology demonstration projects that validate advanced grid technologies in real-world utility operations
- $4 million to $12 million
- Open to public and private entities

Digitizing Hidden Special Collections and Archives: Amplifying Unheard Voices – Open until October 20

Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR)

- Digitization of rare and unique historical and cultural materials in various formats
- Emphasis on sharing materials with the general public
- Awards $50,000 to $300,000
- Tribal governments may be eligible

Featured Funding Opportunities

Native American Affairs: Technical Assistance to Tribes for Fiscal Year 2025 – Open until October 28

U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation

- Federally recognized Tribal governments eligible
- Awards $50,000 to $1 million
- Funding assistance with projects and activities that develop, manage, and protect Tribes' water and water related resources

Depot Charging and Hydrogen Refueling Infrastructure for Medium- and Heavy-Duty On-Road Zero-Emission Vehicles – December 12

California Energy Commission

- New EV charging or hydrogen refueling infrastructure for MDHD on-road ZEVs
- Awards $2 million to $4 million
- California Native American Tribes and California Tribal Organizations eligible

Other funding opportunities? Please share in the chat!

Paused Funding

Energy Deployment on Tribal Lands – 2025

FY 2025 Grid Resilience State and Tribal Formula Grants – 40101(d)

Solar Community Assistance for Local Equity

Energy Improvements in Rural or Remote Areas (ERA) Funding (DE-FOA-0003428)

Wildfire Smoke Air Monitoring Response Technology

Solar for All Funding

Featured Events

Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program Webinar
U.S. Department of Transportation Build America Bureau
August 26, 2025, 11 am, Virtual

Tribal P2 Pollution Prevention Conference
TribalP2Action
September 10 – 11, 2025 at the Viejas Reservation in Alpine, CA

ET Summit 2025
Energy Transition Coordinating Council
September 16 and 17, 2025, Virtual

2025 Tribal Green Summit
Tribal Solid Waste Advisory Network (TSWAN) with the Snoqualmie Tribe
September 16 – 18, 2025, at the Snoqualmie Casino and Hotel in Snoqualmie, WA

Featured Events

2025 Tribal Climate Camp
White Earth Nation
September 21 – 26, 2025 at the Hoot Owl Resort in Waubun, MN

SGC Prop 4 Program Overview and Q&A Session (Direct Zoom link)
Strategic Growth Council and the CA Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
September 23, 2025, 1 pm, Virtual

3rd Annual Clean Mobility Forum
Clean Mobility Equity Alliance (CMEA)
October 2, 2025 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in downtown Fresno, CA

Forth Roadmap Conference
Forth
October 14 – 16, 2025 at Huntington Place 1 Washington Blvd. in Detroit, MI

Other events? Please share in the chat!

Featured Event – TCHP Summit

2025 Tribal Climate & Health Adaptation Summit

Theme: Realities of Tribal Climate Disaster Resilience

Date: November 4, 2025

Location: Pala Casino, Spa & Resort in Pala, CA

Call to Action:

- Register today! - Registration is open for all TECC Tribes to attend.
- Call for Speakers – We are seeking speakers to join us for a couple of sessions. If you have lessons to share around disaster resilience, please indicate your interest in speaking while filling out the registration form.

Learn more and view the draft agenda

Let's Breakout!

Tribal Energy & Climate Collaborative (TECC) and Tribal P2 Action Project

*Deep dive on **electric vehicle** funding and assistance opportunities*

Agenda:

- Introductions
- Roundtable Announcements
- Expert-led Discussion:
  - April Bolduc, President, S Curve Strategies
  - Falisha Lucas, Deputy Director for Tribal Affairs, CALSTART
  - Bailey Muller, Senior Manager of EV Infrastructure, Center for Sustainable Energy
  - Luzita Lutfi, Equity Engagement and Outreach, Center for Sustainable Energy

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Tribal Climate Health Project (TCHP)

Training: climate resilience in a changing world

Featured Topic: Tribal Climate Adaptation through Environmental Protection Part 2: Air and Water

Agenda:

- Introductions
- Panel Discussion:
  - Martha Guzman Aceves, former EPA administrator and CPUC Commissioner
  - Nate Blacksmith, California State Water Board
  - Rob Roy, La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians
- Audience Q&A and Discussion

Join Us in Breakout Room #1

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Fleet Electrification

Accelerating Tribal Fleet Electrification:
Practical Strategies and Funding Pathways

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Points of Discussion

Your Fleet Electrification “How to” Guide

01 4 Steps to Fleet Electrification

02 4 Steps to EV Charging Evaluation

03 Key Takeaways

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Strategic Tribal Benefits

Self-Reliance: Tribes gain control over transportation energy sources, reducing dependency on external systems.

Leadership in Sustainability: Electrification aligns with climate goals and sets an example for other tribal nations.

Economic Development Catalyst: Infrastructure investments and EV procurement generate job opportunities.

Use fleet electrification as a tool for empowerment.

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4 Steps to Fleet Electrification

Let’s turn uncertainty into a clear plan.

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1 Fleet Data Collection

Understanding the baseline.

Inventory Vehicles

Track number, type, age, mileage, fuel type, and duty cycles across the fleet.

Operational Data

Collect fuel consumption, maintenance records, parking locations, and dwell times.

Tools & Resources

Use telematics, fleet management systems, or manual logs to build an accurate dataset.

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2. Vehicle Replacement Prioritization

Targeting high-impact opportunities.

Focus on High Emitters

Light-duty commercial vehicles often contribute most fleet emissions.
PRO TIP: Choose proven models for your tribe's fleet.

Prioritize High Mileage

Vehicles logging 7,000+ miles annually deliver the strongest cost savings when electrified.

Operational Criticality

Start with non-emergency, low-risk vehicles to minimize disruption and build confidence.
PRO TIP: One tribe is starting with light-duty fleet vehicles and still qualifies for the utility EV charging infrastructure rebate.

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3. Total Cost of Ownership Analysis

Evaluating the financial case.

Compare Scenarios

Analyze business-as-usual vs. electrified fleet costs over 10–15 years.

Account for Incentives

Incorporate state rebate and utility programs that reduce upfront costs.

Lifecycle Savings

Factor in lower fuel and maintenance costs.
PRO TIP: One tribal fleet with 70 vehicles is projected to achieve $ 555,000 in savings by 2040.

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4. Sample Implementation Timeline

PRO TIP: Phase the rollout for success and future-proofing.

Phase 1

Light-Duty Installation (2026–2027): Start with low-risk, high-mileage vehicles to capture early wins and build staff experience.

Phase 2

Medium-Duty Expansion (2028–2031): Electrify 20+ high-use pickups and vans as vehicle models expand and charging grows.

Phase 3

Heavy-Duty Transition (2032–2040): Target specialized and emergency vehicles as technology matures and infrastructure expands.

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4 Steps to EV Charging Evaluation

PRO TIP: Must-have screenshot coming up!

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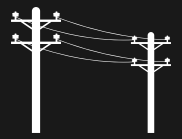
1. Site Selection Criteria

Laying the groundwork for EV charging infrastructure.

Fleet Parking Patterns

Select sites based on where vehicles naturally dwell for extended periods.



Utility Proximity

Choose locations with access to existing transformers and service lines to minimize cost.

PRO TIP: By installing chargers 200 feet closer to a transformer, a tribe saved $70,000 in trenching and repaving costs, freeing up $ for more EVs.

Construction Practicality

Reduce trenching and avoid hardscape surfaces to control installation expenses.

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2. Power & Utility Coordination

Ensuring reliable energy for charging.

Early Engagement

Work with utilities early to plan transformer upgrades and load studies.
PRO TIP: Utilities are eager to understand how to work with your microgrid.

Capacity Planning

Fleet charging installations almost always require transformer upgrades, especially for DC fast chargers.
PRO TIP: Contact your utility as early as possible.

Code Compliance

Design infrastructure to meet NEC 625, tribal codes, and utility construction standards.

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3. Future-Proofing Infrastructure

Build once, charge in phases.

Install Backbone Early

Plan for scalability by sizing conduits, switchgear, and transformers for the 2030 buildout to avoid rework.
PRO TIP: Consider the charging needs of the entire community – public, multifamily, and fleet.

Phased Charger Deployment

Add charging stations to your pre-laid conduit only as new EVs enter the fleet, reducing upfront costs.

Enable Resilience

Design sites for integration with microgrids, solar, and battery storage.
PRO TIP: Start this conversation early. The Public Works Fleet Team may not be coordinating with the microgrid team.

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4. Charging Business Models

Screenshot this!

PRO TIP: LA County Business Model Development

Part of an S Curve Strategies training series created for installers.

Business Model	Best For	Advantages/Disadvantages
1) Organization Owned Site host owns, installs, operates	Capital budgets, internal operations	100% user fee revenue, complete control/ High upfront cost, O&M + trained staff required, risk obsolete tech
2) Charging-As-A-Service Third-party vendor owns, maintains; host pays monthly fee	Limited capital and staff, predictable costs	No upfront costs, predictable monthly expenses, vendor does O&M/ No user fee revenue, contracts limit flexibility, less price control
3) Third-Party Owned Private company installs/operates	Limited capital, public facilities	No capital investment, operational risk transferred, lease revenue/ Limited control, vendor sets price, complex contract
4) Hybrid Model Site host = Level 2, vendor = DCFC	Multiple sites, varied driver needs	Retain some revenue control, flexible, scalable/ Complex management, integration challenges, split revenue

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Fleet EV Charging Hub

Options for revenue and resilience.

BONUS TIP: Revenue Generating Fleet Hub

Near a highway corridor with fleet traffic? A Fleet EV Charging Hub is a centralized, gas station–style facility engineered for medium- and heavy-duty fleets.

Customer Partnerships

Creates job training opportunities, attracts strategic partnerships, and showcases commitment to clean transportation.

Plan for Resiliency

Cloud-connected controls that forecast solar output, orchestrate battery discharge at peak rates, and island automatically during critical operation

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Key Takeaways

01 Follow the step-by-step process.

Use structured evaluation, infrastructure planning, and hub development to ensure success.

02 Leverage incentives.

Act early to secure rebates, vouchers, and grants before funds are exhausted.

03 Collaboration is key.

Fleet electrification empowers tribes through cleaner air, energy independence, and job creation. Leverage your partnerships for creative solutions.

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Thank you!

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CALSTART Programs

EV Funding, Assistance, and Resources

Tuesday, August 26, 2025 | 10:00am-11:00am PT

About CALSTART

CALSTART is a national and international nonprofit founded in 1992, focused on five key activities to accelerate clean transportation:

- **Demonstration and Development**— pilot projects for new, clean transportation technologies
- **Data Assessment and Validation**— third-party performance evaluation and business-case analysis of emerging technologies
- **Market Acceleration**— including developing and managing innovative programs that speed the purchase and adoption of cleaner technologies (CIC, CORE, HVIP, and EnergIIZE)
- **Policy** — centered on increasing opportunities and funding for clean transportation
- **Membership** – We help our member firms achieve their business and technical goals while growing the clean transportation sector

Administered Programs

Communities in Charge (CIC)

- Level 2 Charging
- Current funding wave focused on multifamily housing
- Base incentive $8,500 per port
- Tribal government, entity, or NGO serving Tribal communities receive additional $3,500 per port

Funded by CEC
Currently Accepting Applications

https://thecommunitiesincharge.org/

EnergIIZE

- DC Fast Charging and Hydrogen projects up to **100% of eligible costs** reimbursed
- Tribal government, entity, or NGO serving Tribal communities receive additional funding per port/dispenser

Funded by CEC
Currently Closed

https://energiize.org/

Clean Off-road Equipment (CORE)

- Vouchers to fund zero-emission ag equipment, construction, mobile power units, and others
- Over 3,000 pieces of equipment have been funded
- Eligible to small businesses and public agencies this round

Funded by CARB
Currently Accepting Applications

californiacore.org

Clean Truck and Bus Incentive Project (HVIP)

- Vouchers for MHD Vehicles
- Over 10,000 vehicles funded
- Work through eligible dealers
- New funding coming Fall 2025

Funded by CARB
Currently Closed

https://californiahvip.org/

Resources

Funding Finder

A useful tool designed to help tribal communities, local municipalities, businesses, fleet owners, and others identify and secure relevant funding opportunities for their clean energy and zero-emission vehicle and infrastructure projects. fundingfindertool.org

- Database includes **over 400+ funding** opportunities in all 50 states and D.C.
- Provides access to over **$44.3 billion** in potential funds
- Updated every two months, and in real-time as program updates are received

Follow the Funds

A four-part webinar series focused on highlighting available funds for electrification projects through air districts, CALSTART programs, investor-owned utilities, and state agencies (CEC, CARB, CCI).

- Highlighted success stories
- Stacking scenarios
- LCFS Credits and Green Banks
- Recordings available on Vimeo

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Thank you!

We change transportation for good.

Center For Sustainable Energy Funding Opportunities

August 26, 2025

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Incentives for Fast Chargers for EVs

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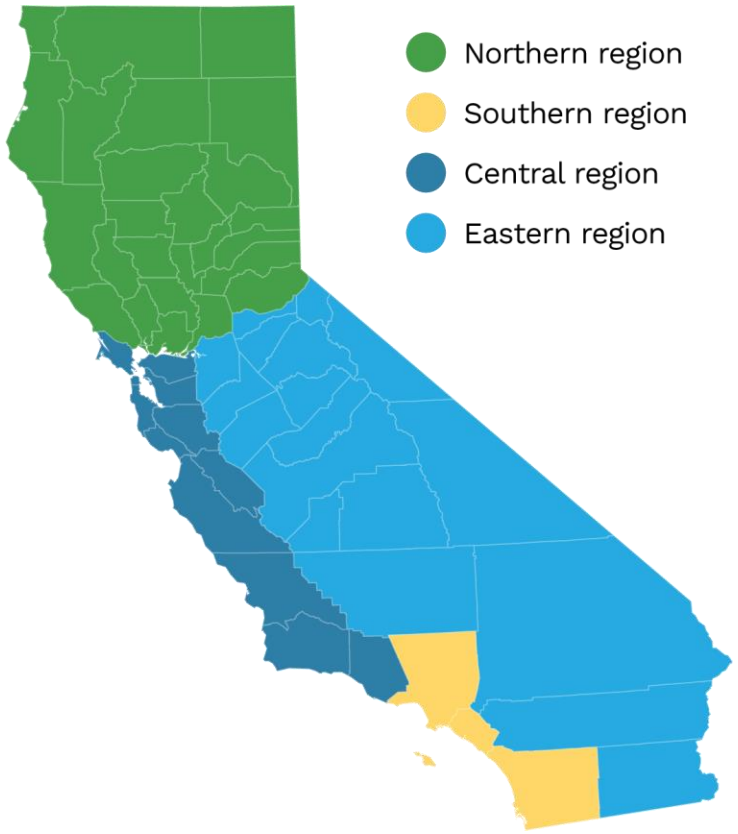
$55M Funding Available



Where:

- **Statewide** – no regional allocations
- **DAC/LIC or tribal territory applications prioritized**

When:

- **Application Window: August 5- October 29, 2025**
- **First-come, first-served**

What:

- **High power DC fast chargers only (150 kW+)**
- **CCS & J3400 connectors and integrated CCS/J3400 adapters are eligible**
- Up to **100% of eligible costs up to port per incentive cap**

Requirements:

- **Ready to Build (issued permit and final utility service design)**
- **Each site must have ≥50% CCS connectors**
- **Construction start** no earlier than **July 8, 2025**

For more information please visit: www.calevip.org

Incentives for Fast Chargers for EVs

CALeVIP: Fast Charge California Project

CAL eVIP
BUILDING EV INFRASTRUCTURE

Application Assistance is available!

- Will run until October 29, 2025.

Support available for:

- Any eligibility questions.
- Understanding equipment requirements.
- Reviewing tiering documentation.
- Pre-review of applications.

Use the link below or scan the QR code to submit a request for Application Assistance.

https://forms.office.com/r/zas5LiCaBN

FCCP-1 Application Assistance

For more information please visit: **www.calevip.org**

SDG&E Pre-Owned Electric Vehicle Rebate

Incentives for Driving Electric

SDG&E Pre-Owned EV Rebate

- Rebate is for the purchase or lease of a previously owned electric vehicle
- It is a rebate of $1,000 for standard applicants
- There is a $4,000 increased rebate for income qualified applicants
- Application must be submitted within 180 days from purchase
- Applicant must be an active SDG&E electric customer.
- For more information please visit:

https://evrebates.sdge.com/

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Climate Resilience in a Changing World

Webinar Series

Purpose:

- Integrate climate and health adaptation work with non-climate fields
- Collaborate and train across disciplines to strengthen our adaptation work
- Better understand the biggest hurdles in implementing your climate adaptation goals

	Tribal Climate Adaptation through…
August 26, 2025	Air & Water (Environmental Protection Pt 2)
October 28, 2025	Energy (Infrastructure Pt 1)
December 23, 2025	Transportation (Infrastructure Pt 1)
February 24, 2026	Economic Development
April 28, 2026	Public Health

Tribal Climate Adaptation through …

Environmental Protection Part 2: Air and Water

Please welcome our guest speakers

- Martha Guzman Aceves, former EPA administrator and CPUC Commissioner
- Rob Roy, La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians
- Nate Blacksmith, California State Water Board

Agenda

- 5 min - Overview of air and water landscape amidst federal government changes
- 25 min - Panel Discussion on changes and opportunities
- 15 min - Group discussion, your questions

Panel Speakers

Martha Guzman Aceves

former EPA administrator and CPUC Commissioner

Rob Roy

La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians

Nate Blacksmith

California State Water Board

Group Discussion

Have questions for our speakers? Add them to the chat or raise your hand!

Open Discussion Questions:

1. What are the current threats to Tribes related to air quality and water security?
2. What top concerns should Tribes be ready for when it comes to continuing air and water work?
3. What ideas do you have to tackle these concerns?

Takeaways & Next Steps

NEXT WEBINAR

October 28th: Tribal Climate Adaptation through… Infrastructure Part 1: Energy

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Thank you!

Next TECC-X is October 28th

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